

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment will not introduce new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicant, respectfully, requests that the above amendment be entered in and that the claims to the present application be, kindly, reconsidered.

The Office Action dated December 31, 2003 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 1-8 stand rejected by the December 31, 2003 Office Action.

The drawings are objected to because Figure 1, Item 9 is pointing towards "optical player"; arrow needs to be modified to point towards "information carrier". A redlined version of Figure 1 is submitted herewith having the arrow pointing towards "information carrier".

In Figure 2, the examiner states that Item 9 is pointing towards "scanning device"; arrow needs to be modified to point towards "information carrier". A redlined version of Figure 2 is submitted herewith having the arrow pointing towards "information carrier".

The Examiner states that in Figure 5C, Items 153 and 181 are shown twice, pointing to different parts and these numbers need to be deleted or modified as necessary. A redlined version of Figure 5C is submitted with this response that crossing out the extra reference numeral 153. However, the use of multiple reference numerals for 181 is correct because 181 represents a coil holder and is employed twice.

The Office Action rejects Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the two magnets of, respectively, the first part and the second part of the magnetic system". The Examiner states that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 6 depends from Claim 2 that introduces the term "the magnetic system comprises a first part and a second part". Claim 6 introduce the term "the first part and the second part of the magnetic system each comprise at least two permanent magnets". Accordingly, there already exists sufficient antecedent basis for the term "the two magnets of, respectively, the first part and the

second part of the magnetic system". Accordingly, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,208,703 issued to Ikagame, et al., (hereinafter referred to as Ikagame et al.).

Regarding Claim 1, the Examiner states that Ikagame et al. disclose the recited elements. The foregoing amendment to the claims has amended Claim 1 to clearly distinguish the amended version of Claim 1 from the teachings of Ikagame et al. Claim 1, after the amendment, recites that the coil system has a portion with wires extending parallel to the optical path situated between a pair of portions of the coil system having wires extending perpendicular to the optical path. The Applicants have made this amendment to clearly illustrate the differences between Ikagame et al. and the present invention. The teachings of Ikagame et al. disclose a coil system wherein a portion having wire running perpendicular to the optical path is situated between a pair of portions having wires that are parallel to the optical path, which is the opposite of the present invention as recited by amended Claim 1. Accordingly, the applicants, respectfully, submit that the amended version of Claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference Ikagame et al.

The Applicants believe that the rejections to Claims 2-8 are moot in view of the foregoing discussed amendment to Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 7 the Examiner states that Ikagame et al. disclose one further electric coil having a first part and a second part, which are provided with wire portions extending parallel to the optical axis. As support for this assertion, the Examiner cites elements 20, 21 of Ikagame et al. The Applicants, respectfully, disagree with this assertion contain in the Office Action. Elements 20, 21 of Ikagame et al. have wire portions that are perpendicular the optical axis. Therefore, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 7 has been amended so that it agrees with amendments made to other claims.

New Claims 9-15 have been added having similar scope to Claims 1-8. Accordingly, new Claims 9-15 are believed to be allowable.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

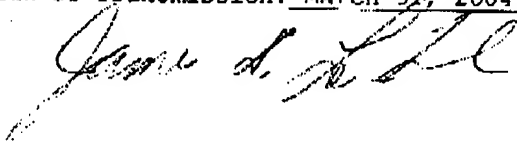
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